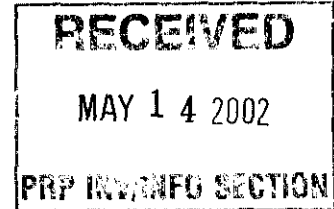




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Chief Executive Officer
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May 1, 2002

Ms. Carlyn Winter Prisk
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re: Required Submission of Information
Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund site – Clearview Landfill, Folcroft Landfill,
and Folcroft Landfill Annex

Dear Ms. Winter Prisk:

We are in receipt of your letter (received on April 17, 2002) requesting information regarding the disposal of medical waste generated by Mercy Catholic Medical Center – Misericordia Hospital (now known as Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia) during the period 1958 through 1976. Below is a response to your questionnaire. However, please note that our answers for the most will be the same as the response submitted for Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital.

Please note that we have been unable to locate any information or documentation relevant to your inquiry. We have interviewed both present and past employees who have no recollection of our medical waste disposal contractor during the period in question. We will, however, continue to search for relevant information and keep you informed.

1. Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia
501 S. 54th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
Telephone – Administration – 215 – 748-9300

Dates and State of Incorporation: Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia is a division of Mercy Catholic Medical Center. Mercy Catholic Medical Center was incorporated July 6, 1915 in Pennsylvania

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The parent corporation is : Mercy Health System of Southeastern Pennsylvania
One West Elm Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428

2. Nature of business: Hospital/Healthcare operations
3. Current and former employees with personal knowledge of waste disposal practices:

Mark Hampton
Director of Environmental Services
Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia

Steve King
Vice President Support Services
Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia

Jack Barnes
Director of Purchasing
Mercy Health System
One West Elm Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
(610) 567-6980

Ruth Thomas (formerly at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital)
Vice Facilities and Real Estate Management
Mercy Health System
One West Elm Street
Conshohocken, PA 19420
(610) 567-6136

John Hild
Safety Officer
Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital

Rosemary Davignon (Formerly at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital)
Former Director of Food Services, and Environmental Services

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4. Mercy Catholic Medical Center
501 S 54th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143

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a - c. Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia has operated as a hospital since 1915. We have been unable to identify any documentation regarding the handling and disposal of waste during the time period in question.

5. We are unable to locate any documents concerning the handling and disposal of waste products including permits, contracts and correspondence pertaining to waste disposal between 1958 and 1976.
6. We are unable to locate any information on hazardous substances generated purchased, stored or otherwise handled between 1958 and 1976.
7. By products and wastes generated normally by hospitals include municipal, infectious, pathologic and chemotherapeutic wastes. We are unable to locate any information regarding the generation of these substances between 1958 and 1976.
8. Mercy Catholic Medical Center's Purchasing department was unable to locate any contracts or confirm that there were arrangements with the waste removal businesses identified in this paragraph for the years between 1958 and 1976..
9. See # 8.
10. Mercy Catholic Medical Center has no knowledge of disposing/treating materials at any of the locations identified in this paragraph for the years between 1958 and 1976
11. Mercy Catholic Medical Center has no knowledge of ever spilling or causing a release of chemicals, hazardous substances or hazardous/non-hazardous waste at any of sites identified in this paragraph for the years between 1958 to 1976
12. Unknown
13. *We are unaware of any environmental assessments performed*
14. Mercy Catholic Medical Center does not have the requested information
15. Mark Hampton, Director of Environmental Services
Steve King, Vice President, Support Services
Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia
16. a. Attached is our current policy regarding the processing of all municipal and infectious waste products. As per regulatory standards, required retention of documents is seven years.

b. We do not have information regarding the disposition of documents for the time period in question.

c-d. See # 3

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 215-748-9300

Sincerely,



Bernadette Mangan
Chief Executive Officer


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*Hospital of
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